

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group
Candidate Biographies for Leadership Team
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Chair:

Deb Kerschner has worked in criminal justice data integration/improvement, research, and evaluation for over twenty-five years at the state and local level. She currently is the Director of Planning and Performance for the Department of Corrections with oversight over agency research, strategic planning/performance measurement, continuous improvement and evidence-based practice implementation. Deb serves as a member of various national, state and county technology steering committees, including the FBI N-DEx Subcommittee and was a past chair of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force. Deb has also done consulting for the American Probation and Parole Association and the National Institute of Corrections. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Hamline University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Auburn University.

First Vice Chair:

Amy Schmidt has served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Bloomington since 2010, and has worked in municipal government since 2000. She was a member of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force as a representative for the League of Minnesota Cities from 2009-2015, and served as 2nd Vice Chair 2014-2015. Amy is active in several professional organizations, including the Public Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association and serves on the Board of Directors for Minnesota Women Lawyers.

Second Vice Chair:

Steve Washburn is the Mayor of Watertown Minnesota. Steve has been involved in the criminal justice field since working as a night watchman at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities while he was obtaining his Bachelors of Science – Business degree from the U of M Carlson School of Management. Today, in addition to being the Mayor of Watertown, Steve also serves as the Minneapolis business leader for Convergent Technologies – a global electronic security system integrator. Steve has served on the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force for the past two years.